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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/664,179

Filed: September 18, 2000

For: SYSTEM FOR NETWORK
ADDRESSING

Art Unit: 2152

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 10-21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 as provided below by replacing the existing claims with the following claims, as indicated below. A marked up copy of these claim amendments is attached as Appendix A..

Please add claims 22-40 as provided below.

The remaining claims 4 and 7 are also included for the Examiner's reference.

3. (Amended Once Herein) A method of providing an address, said method comprising:

providing a requesting device coupled to a network;

providing an address, said address comprising a protocol identifier;

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